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THE MARITIME FLEET OF COMMUNIST CHINA

Compared with other maritime nations, Communist China has a small maritime fleet. Growth during the past five years has been moderate, from 150 ships totaling 535,000 GRT at the beginning of 1961 to 174 ships totaling 717,000 GRT at the present time. Of these 174 ships, 28 ships totaling 200,000 tons comprise the CHICOM international fleet.

The following is a breakdown of the CHICOM maritime fleet by tonnage categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>GRT</u>
1,000-2,999 GRT	82	169,887
3,000-5,999 GRT	48	189,313
6,000-14,999 GRT	44	358,228
Total	174	717,428

In addition to the above, there are 14 ships totaling 8,840 GRT in the CHICOM maritime fleet, which are under 1000 GRT.